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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BWIA'S REEQUIPMENT PLANNING

REF: POS 0011

1. BWIA MANAGING DIRECTOR SVANBERG AND GENERAL MANAGER OF OPERATIONS ELLSWORTH SAY THEY ARE NOW CONSIDERING ONLY TWO OPTIONS FOR REPLACING PRESENT FLEET OF SIX BOEING 707'S. FIRST, AND APPARENTLY MOST LIKELY, IS WITH NEWER VERSION OF 707'S (SEE REFTEL); SECOND WOULD BE WITH DC-8'S. ANY PURCHASES WILL BE USED, NOT NEW, AIRCRAFT. BOTH BOEING AND MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS HAVE SUBMITTED STUDIES, AND SVANBERG INDICATED DECISION MAY BE MADE IN ANOTHER TWO MONTHS. WIDE BODY PLANES NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR IMMEDIATE REEQUIPMENT PHSE. AT FUTURE DATE BWIA MAY THINK ABOUT DC-10. SVANBERG SAYS 747 WOULD BE LESS APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR NEEDS, AND REJECTS TRISTAR AS POSSIBILITY. HE ALSO CONFIRMS, AS REPORTED REFTEL, THAT BWIA HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN CONVAIR 990'S.

2. IN ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE RUMOR THAT SVANBERG, WHO IS ON LOAN FROM SAS, MAY TRY TO UNLOAD SOME SAS DC-9'S ON BWIA FOR ROUTES WITHIN CARIBBEAN, EMBOFF ASKED IF BWIA CONSIDERING REENTERING CARIBBEAN MARKET NOW SERVED BY LIAT, FORMERLY OWNED BY BWIA, AND EASTERN. SVANBERG WOULD ONLY SAY HE
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WOULD NOT CONSIDER REACQUIRING LIAT, ON WHICH COURT LINE

LOSING MONEY AFTER INTRODUCTION OF ONE BAC 111, BUT WOULD
NOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY OF ENTRY BY BWIA INTO MARKET.
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